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fact that some smoking coalitions actually supported him. Some people that smoke actually supported LB 505. You ask yourself why. Well, I think it's because they're probably parents and they're probably people that really want to do something positive for youth, the youth of Nebraska, and they can do so by supporting this bill. How many parents do you think around the state of Nebraska say, I want my child to smoke just like me; I want my child to have lung cancer; I want my child to suffer other health problems because of smoking-related problems? I don't think there's very many. I think that's why this group of people have taken the side of Senator Landis on this issue. There are two distinct sides to this issue and I, for one, want to be on the side that saves teenagers' lives and helps them with their health problems. That's why I support LB 505. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Aguilar, and welcome to the Legislature. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I rise in support of the amendment, as well as the bill. I could stand here and talk for the full five minutes and tell you all the reasons why and I think most of you have heard those in the past and they've been discussed here on the floor this morning. I think Senator Redfield explained it very thoroughly that, as far as I'm concerned, that if we want to develop a program then the people who are the problem ought to help certainly pay for it rather than all the taxpayers of the state. But I'm not going to spend a lot of time. I'm going to continue to listen to this debate this morning and hopefully we can get to a vote and we can get enough support to pass the bill. With that, I will give the balance of my time to Senator Landis, if he wants it.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. There is a strange and interesting confluence between the work of the General Affairs Committee, that has a number of its members speaking against this bill, Senator Janssen and Senator Baker among them, and the fact that the committee has introduced LB 978, which is a bill designed to put